of certain drugs has not been possible from the earlier stages. This factor does not necessarily constitute a relationship with categorisation.

(c) and (e) As per the information received from Miinstry of Industry, Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, in respect of parts (c) and (e), the reply is as follows:

(c) Promethazine is used as an anti-histamine'psychic sedative and Chlor-promazine as a sedative/antiematic. Production of both these drugs is not monitored. However, one unit has reported production of Promethazine and Chlorpromazine from imported intermediates. Chlorpromazine has also seen licensed for production from basic stage to another unit.

(e) As per the provisions of Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987, fprmula-tion Serenac is price decontrolled and the manufacturer is free to revise the price. However, Governmnt is keping a watch on price movements of price decontrolled drugs and has intervened wherever found necessary.

Sales turn over of Iron Preparations

2197. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI: DR. C. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Iron prepartions, which have a turn over of more than Rupees 100 crores, have been price decontrolled;

(b) whether it is a fact that these preparations are used for Maternal Health and Anaemia among children, infanta and women;

(c) it is also a fact that brands which have huge turn over like Dumasules, , Autrin, Neoferrum, Fesofar, Fersolate and Feironicum have been price de controlled on the basis of withdrawal of recommendation for price control by his ministry; and

(d) if so, what are the basis of withdrawal of recommendation and what steps have been taken to investigate the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) The Expert Committee set up by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to review the Category I list of National Health Programme drugs, has only now recommended for price control of Iron prepartion and other dugs used for the Maternal and Child Health Programme under Category I of the Drugs Prices Control Order, 1987. The recommendation is to be considered for onward transmission to the Department of Chemicals and Petro-Chemicals. The question of 'withdrawal of recommendation' does not, therefore, arise.

Drug Sampling Procedure

2198. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHN REDDY: DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) wheter it is a fact that the drug sampling procedure under the Drugs and Cosmetic Act is costly, complicated and has not been changed in the last 48 years;

(b) if so, what are the details cf the procedure;

(c) whether the WHO Drug consultant, has given his recommendation on this matter;

(d) whether Government propose to change the sampling procedre; and

(e) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ

KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) Procedure for sampling of drugs is laid down in Section 23 of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The State Drug Controllers, who are the members of the Drugs Consultative Committee to advise the Central Government, the State Government, the State Government and Drugs Technical Advisory Board on any matters tending to secure uniformity throughout India in the administration of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, have not suggested any change in the sampling procedure.

(c) t_0 (e) The WHO Consultant has sugested that Drugs Inspectors can draw survey samples for quick determination of quality of drugs. This procedure is already being followed by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation under National Survey on Quality of Essential Drugs (NSOED) and also by some State Drugs Inspector.

Development of Automatic Weather Station

2199. SHRl BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH;

SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Institute of Oceanograph (NIO) has recently developed and marketed an automatic whether station which can record wind speed, its direction, air temperature etc.;

(b) if so, what are the salient fea ture of this instrument; and

(c) what are the agencies which are associated with the manufacture of above instrument and whether some import components have been used in the manufacture of this instrument and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARMTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The technical know.how document has been sent to National Research Development Corporation (NRDC) for commercialisation.

(b) The salient features are-1. Low power C-MOS processor ii. Real time clock iii. Solid state recording iv. 13 Bit digital convertr v. Serial links to printer vi. Built in self tests, and Vii. Vector average winds

The sensor specifications are;

		Range	*Accuracy*
i.	Wind speed	60 M/S	0.2 M/S
ii.	Wind Directions	360 degree	5 degree
iii.	Air temperatuie	—8 to 40 cegrree C	0.1 degree C
iv.	Surface temperature	—8 to 40 degree C	0.1 deerec C
v.	Bar Pre ure	920 to 1080 MBR	0.1 MB
v).	Humidity	5—100%	5%

(c) The station uses sensors from M/s AANDERAA Instruments, Norway. The entire electronics and recording system hag ben designed and fabricated together with the entire mechanical system in National Institute of Oceanography (NIO).

Construction of Indira Gandhi Nahar water courses

2200. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RE-RESOURCES be pleased to state: